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| [] | <p>Attached 2 radio items.</p> <p>It has been obvious before that Guat CP propaganda concentrates to a large extent upon the UNITED FRUIT COMPANY and its alleged or real misdeeds. Attached clippings add two new angles:</p> <p>a) even Radio Moscow gets into the act</p> <p>b) ForMin Toriello attempts to bring PRESIDENT EISENHOWER into this campaign, alleging that the Pres. took a stand different from that of the State Dept, attacking at the same time the State Dept, "controlled by agents of the UFCO" and the by implication also the President who is depicted as being ignorant of what his government is doing and admitting this ignorance to a foreign diplomat</p> <p>All this might be none of our business : on the other hand, the fact that Guat now drags the President into its campaign, may provide us with a suitable opening to repeat a request to the State Dept to at least postpone representing the interests of UFCO for the time being.</p> | |
| [] | <p>[]</p> <p>I have puzzled over a nice, sarcastic reply that Penrifoy could make to Tonello's claims - but find none. Let's let it ride</p> <p>[]</p> | |

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MOSCOW SOVIET HOME SERVICE APR. 28 1954 1300 GMT -- E

(TEXT) NEW YORK--ACCORDING TO A "NEW YORK TIMES" CORRESPONDENT THE GUATEMALAN GOVERNMENT REJECTED THE UNITED STATES NOTE ASKING COMPENSATION FOR THE LAND EXPROPRIATED FROM THE UNITED FRUIT COMPANY. THE NEWSPAPER STRESSES THAT THE ACTION OF THE UNITED STATES STATE DEPARTMENT IS A NEW ATTEMPT AT INTERFERENCE IN GUATEMALAN INTERNAL AFFAIRS.

TGWA GUATEMALA ITY (OFFICIAL) GUATEMALAN ME SERVICE
APR. 28 1954 1345 GMT--E

(TEXT)

FOREIGN MINISTER GUILLERMO TORIELLO GARRIDO OPENED HIS PRESS CONFERENCE YESTERDAY WITH THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT: "THE GUATEMALAN GOVERNMENT FLATLY REJECTS, IN THE MOST CATEGORICAL WAY, THE CLAIM PRESENTED BY THE UNITED STATES STATE DEPARTMENT IN CONNECTION WITH THE EXPROPRIATION OF UNITED FRUIT COMPANY LAND. THIS CLAIM IS SIMPLY ANOTHER EFFORT TO INTERVENE OPENLY AND BRAZENLY IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF GUATEMALA."

"PRESS CLIPPINGS," IN DUE TIME, REPORTED ON THE NOTE FROM WASHINGTON, A NOTE WHICH WAS SKILFULLY SUMMARIZED BY FOREIGN MINISTER TORIELLO IN HIS PRESS CONFERENCE IN THE FOLLOWING WORDS: "AGENTS OF THE UNITED FRUIT COMPANY WHO HAVE GAINED ACCESS TO THE UNITED STATES STATE DEPARTMENT, CLAIM THAT THEY SHOULD BE GIVEN SPECIAL TREATMENT, TO THE DETRIMENT OF OUR SOVEREIGNTY AND WITH OBVIOUS (INJUSTICE TO?) GUATEMALANS BENEFITING FROM THE AGRARIAN REFORM LAW." FOREIGN MINISTER TORIELLO THEN ADDED: "WE SAID (IN THE PAST?) AND WE REAFFIRM NOW THAT THE AGRARIAN REFORM LAW IS A LAW OF THE REPUBLIC, APPLICABLE EQUALLY TO NATURAL OR ARTIFICIAL PERSONS, TO GUATEMALANS, OR FOREIGNERS (WORDS UNINTELLIGIBLE--ED.)"

INDUBITABLY, THE MOST SENSATIONAL DECLARATION MADE BY FOREIGN MINISTER TORIELLO WAS THE REVELATION OF THE TERMS OF HIS FARWELL INTERVIEW WITH PRESIDENT EISENHOWER A FEW DAYS BEFORE SR. TORIELLO TOOK OVER THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS: "I EXPLAINED TO THE VERY WORTHY PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES THE WAY IN WHICH THE FRUIT COMPANY OPERATES IN GUATEMALA, ALL THE CONTRACTS WHICH IT HAS, ITS CONCESSIONS, AND SO FORTH. PRESIDENT EISENHOWER DID NOT RPT NOT CONCEAL HIS AMAZEMENT AND EXPRESSED HIS DISAPPROVAL OF THIS SITUATION."

BUT THERE IS MORE YET. SR. TORIELLO GARRIDO CONTINUED: "GENERAL EISENHOWER SAID THAT THINGS COULD NOT RPT NOT GO ON IN THIS WAY AND THAT HE WOULD PROPOSE THE CREATION OF A MIXED COMMITTEE, WHICH WOULD NOT RPT NOT BE CONNECTED WITH THE STATE DEPARTMENT, TO DISCUSS AND TRY TO SOLVE THE SITUATION."

SR. TORIELLO TOLD THE GUATEMALAN AND FOREIGN PRESS CORRESPONDENTS IN HIS OFFICE THAT, TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THAT OPPORTUNITY, HE TOLD THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES THAT IN THE STATE DEPARTMENT THERE ARE STOCKHOLDERS OF THE FRUIT COMPANY (WORDS UNINTELLIGIBLE--ED.) OR RELATIVES OF PERSONS WHO HAVE INTERESTS IN THIS COMPANY AND THAT THE LAW OFFICE IN WHICH SECRETARY OF STATE JOHN FOSTER DULLES WORKED DEFENDED THE IRCA (AS BROADCAST--ED) IN NEW YORK. "THEREFORE, IT IS MY IMPRESSION," SR. TORIELLO CONCLUDED, "THAT ACTION WAS TAKEN WITHOUT THE CONSENT OF PRESIDENT EISENHOWER."